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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SEABOARD FREQUENCIES

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1. SUMMARY: AS RESULT EMBASSY INTERVENTION MINISTRY OF FONAFF WILL MEET WITH CIVILAVIA MAY 23 OR 24 TO REVIEW CIVILAVIA'S REFUSAL APPROVE EIGHTH WEEKLY ALL- CARGO FREQUENCY FOR SEABOARD. EMBASSY HOPES BUT IS NOT YET CERTAIN THAT CIVILAVIA RECONSIDERATION WILL RESULT IN EARLY APPROVAL OF SEABOARD EIGHTH FREQUENCY. END SUMMARY.

2. EMB ECON/ COML MIN MET WITH FONMINISTRY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR AVIATION AFFAIRS (PUCCIONI) MAY 21 AND ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF BASIS FOR CIVILAVIA POSITION IN LIGHT 1970 MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS. MFA OFFICIALS CITED ARGUMENTS IN CIVILAVIA TELEGRAM (REFTEL), BUT AGREED MATTER SHOULD BE EXAMINED FURTHER WHICH THEY UNDERTOOK TO DO URGENTLY. MFA OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY MAY 22 THAT MEETING WAS BEING ARRANGED WITH KEY CIVILAVIA PERSONNEL FOR MAY 23 OR 24 TO REVIEW SITUATION WITH VIEW TOWARD POSSIBLE RECONSIDERATION BY CIVILAVIA. SAID HE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY OF RESULTS.

3. IN SEPARATE PRIVATE INFORMAL CONVERSATION MAY 21, KEY ALITALIA OFFICIAL WHO ADMITTED FAMILIARITY WITH SEABOARD EIGHTH FREQUENCY MATTER TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE THOUGHT PROBLEM WAS PROCEDURAL CITING A) NEED FOR USG AND NOT US CARRIERS TO RATION 17 ALLOWED ALL-
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CARGO FREQUENCIES, AND B) FAILURE FILE SCHEDULE 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE. EMBOFF TOOK ISSUE WITH BOTH ARGUMENTS POINTING OUT THAT NO NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT EXISTED FOR ALLOCATING US ALL- CARGO FREQUENCIES, BUT THAT SINCE EMBASSY HAD MADE KNOWN ORIGINAL APPORTIONMENT LAST YEAR WE HAD GIVEN FONMINISTRY LETTER MAY 18 CONFIRMING THAT ADDITIONAL SEABOARD FREQUENCY WAS IN LIEU OF ONE PANAM FREQUENCY. ON LATTER POINT, WE ARGUED THAT THERE WAS NO ADVANCE FILING REQUIREMENT FOR SUBSTITUTIONS AND NO CAPACITY INCREASE WAS INVOLVED. ALITALIA OFFICIAL AGREED THAT PRESENT CASE SEEMED TO BE ONE OF SUBSTITUTION RATHER THAN INCREASE. HE ALSO TOOK NOTE OF EMBASSY MAY 18 LETTER AND SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE CARE OF CIVILAVIA' S CONCERNS.

4. SEABOARD MILAN REP SCAGLIOLA TEMPORARILY OUT OF ITALY; WILL INFORM HIM FULLY OF DEVELOPMENTS WHEN HE RETURNS MAY 23. VOLPE

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